PLANT FACT SHEET

Erythrococca abyssinica Pax

GENUS *Erythrococca* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m tall. Young twigs are hairy. The leaves are alternate and oval and have teeth along the edge. They are 5-8 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The flowers are small. The fruit is a capsule with 3 lobes. The seeds have a red coating.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the desert or seasonally dry shrubland. It has been recorded at 1,900 m above sea level.

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